



# Making Things Better

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, 18th District



## Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's Community News & Events

### Community News

#### Assemblymember Hayashi Chairs the 2007 Girls Inc. Strong, Smart & Bold Breakfast Featuring U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer



Assemblymember Hayashi emceed the 2007 Girls Inc. Strong, Smart & Bold Breakfast on April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Veteran's Memorial in San Leandro. The event honored three women leaders for their inspirational work. They included United States Senator Barbara Boxer; Ms. Ophelia Basgal, Vice President of Civic Partnerships and Community Initiatives for PG&E; and Ms. Linda Deboe, Vice President and Director of Customer Relations for Wells Fargo. Since 1958, [Girls Inc.](#) has challenged girls to explore their



potential, attend college, build fulfilling careers and expand their sense of what is possible. Girls Inc. offers academic enrichment activities, skill-building programs, and counseling services to girls and their families.

#### Assemblymember Hayashi Joins Assembly and Senate Leadership for Health Care Town Hall in Oakland



On Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi who sits on the Assembly Health Committee joined Senate President pro Tem Don Perata, Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee Merv Dymally, Assemblymembers Loni Hancock and Sandré Swanson, and Oakland City Mayor Ron Dellums for a Health Care Town Hall at Oakland City Hall. The extensive town hall discussed health care reform proposals from Senator Shelia Kuehl's Universal Health Care bill, SB 840, to a newly merged health care reform proposal by Senator Perata and Assemblymember Núñez. During the meeting,

Assemblymember Hayashi voiced her concern that the reform must provide health care access for all Californians and also provide resources for mental health care. In addition, Hayashi spoke about the benefits of her preventative dental health care bill for children that would help reduce health care cost and reduce absenteeism from schools.

## Assemblymember Hayashi's Preventative Dental Health Care Bill Passes the Assembly Health Committee with Bipartisan Support

[AB 834](#) passed the Assembly Health Committee on March 27<sup>th</sup> with bipartisan support on a 15-0 vote. AB 834 would provide additional preventative services for children participating in the California Dental Disease Prevention Program (CDDPP). Tooth decay is the number one chronic health problem of children – and it is completely preventable. According to the 2003 Health Interview Survey it is estimated that nearly 500,000 children in California missed school in 2003 due to dental problems. Over 70% of California's third graders are experiencing tooth decay. It is estimated that a million children are eligible and waiting for CDDPP services.



Left untreated tooth decay can lead to pain, nutritional problems, tooth loss, sleep deprivation, attention deficit, failure to thrive and slower physical and social development. AB 834 authored by Assemblymember Hayashi would focus the program on the use of the most effective preventative services. It would authorize the Department of Health Services to approve CDDPP contracts with preference to programs which access additional resources, including federal Medicaid and SCHIP dollars, to expand the number of children served.

## Packed House at Assemblymember Hayashi's Tinsel Town Hall Featuring the Movie, Pride



On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Assemblymember Mary Hayashi hosted a Tinsel Town Hall at Chabot Cinema in Castro Valley to an audience of over 350. The town hall consisted of a discussion about after-school and mentoring programs available to children in the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District as well as an inspirational movie premiere of the film, *Pride*.



Audience members listened to Ms. Sandra Skaug from the San Leandro Boys and Girls Club and Mr. Bob Goetsch from Be A Mentor, Inc. talk about how adults can become active mentors in the community and where children can access after-school programs. Each member received valuable resources listing all the after-school programs in the area and a free Pride souvenir poster. Several groups in attendance included Girls Inc., the Hayward-South Alameda County Chapter of the NAACP, BWOPA (Black Women Organized for Political Action) and IUPAT District Council 16.

## Upcoming Events

### Celebrate Earth Day 2007, April 19<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., CSU – East Bay's Valley Business & Technology Center

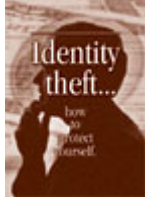
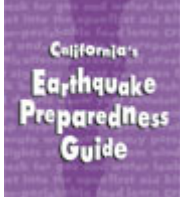


Please Join Assemblymember Mary Hayashi, California State University East Bay, City of Hayward and environmental organizations such as the [Sierra Club](#), [California Native Plant Society](#), [East Bay Regional Park District](#), and [Save The Bay](#) to discuss current legislation to combat global warming and learn how your family can do its share to preserve our planet for the next generation. The celebration will begin at 6:00 p.m. when attendees will have an opportunity to tour an [AC Transit Hydrogen Fuel Cell Bus](#) and receive literature and resources from our

sponsors. At 6:30 p.m., Assemblymember Hayashi will host a discussion with regards to environmental legislation at the state level. Following will be an encore Large Screen Presentation of the Academy Award Winning Documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, at the brand new [Valley Business and Technology Center at CSU-East Bay](#) in Hayward. If you missed seeing it at the movie theater, here's your chance! **Call (510) 583-8818 to reserve your place.** Also, 100 attendees will receive at no-cost a California seedling from our sponsor, Enterprise Rent-a-Car, to plant at home to help reduce carbon dioxide levels.

## Resources Available

### New Publications Available



Free community resource guides are now available in print or online through Assemblymember Mary Hayashi's district office. Over the next few weeks, copies will be made available throughout the 18<sup>th</sup> Assembly District at senior centers, libraries, health clinics, and community organizations. If you or your organization would like printed copies, contact the district office at (510) 583-8818.

### State Resources Website



Tired of waiting at toll booths and want to sign up for FasTrak? Find it and 170 other state resource links that offer valuable information such as how to find a smog-check only station, how to receive free cash for college, and how to protect yourself from identity theft.

To visit the new webpage, log on to Assemblymember Hayashi's official homepage at [www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/hayashi) and click on the [State Resources Websites](#) link. This will lead web browsers to a list of service-based websites. From there click on any of the service links and be directed to the appropriate state agency's website.

Assemblymember Hayashi noted that a member of her own staff used the webpage to connect to a particular California Department of Insurance website where he found an insurance company offering a much better rate for his auto insurance. The staff member now saves over \$700 on his annual auto insurance bill with much greater coverage.

Whether you're looking for tips to save on prescriptions or attempting to find the nearest recycling center, this new webpage is a convenient and comprehensive resource.